

MINUTES OF A MEETING AS HELD BY THE  
TOWN OF AURORA  
PLANNING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

April 6, 2011

Members Present: Donald Owens, William Adams, Timothy Bailey, Jim Griffis, Al Fontanese, William Voss, Chuck Snyder  
Members Excused: Dick Glover

Others Present: Ned Snyder, Deputy Town Atty  
Greg Keyser, CRA Engineering  
Patrick Blizniak, Superintendent of Buildings  
Jeff Harris, TOA councilman

Chairman Don Owens presided over the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 5 South Grove Street, East Aurora, New York. Bill Adams opened the meeting with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Bill Adams made a motion to accept the minutes of February 2011. The motion was seconded by Jim Griffis. Motion carried.**

Chuck Snyder is the new alternate PCB member and will be a voting member for this meeting.

**Old Business:**

Subdivision - The TB has not addressed this issue yet. Wendy will make copies of minutes, charts, and memos that were used by the PCB to reach their recommendation. The recommendation is reflected in the letter from Ned Snyder. A copy of this will be included to be sent to Jeff Harris, Jolene Jeffe, Ron Bennett and Don Owens.

ODA - some discussion took place but according to Jan 2011 minutes, this issue was tabled in order to allow all PCB a chance to review the suggested changes. The suggested changes came about from a discussion by Jolene, Martha Libroch, Pat Blizniak, Don Owens and Wendy Potter-Behling. This will be put on May's agenda for a complete review.

Master Plan - no one has taken the lead with this but Don is hoping Laurie would do this.

**New Business:**

Drainage plan - what would be the cost of a topography map? Chuck Snyder states that a map with elevation points on a survey recently cost about \$300. For a new build, the surveyor is at site any way to identify the house placement and they can do elevations then. Patrick Blizniak prepared a handout which outlined what an adequate plan should consists of such as elevations and knowing what soil types to determine the proper way to eliminate groundwater during/after development. Possible solutions are: detention ponds, retention ponds, french drain, use of 'bubblers' and swales. He will supply a rough draft at the next meeting. The Town of Aurora is

mostly clay soils. The drainage plan will help the drainage not only on a specific lot but also the neighboring lots as well. The drainage plan will be verified before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the building department. A specific code would probably not be needed so then it would become part of the 'checklist' of items when applying for a new build. The drainage plan would need to be submitted for site plan reviews and ODA reviews as well. Drainage is usually directed into sump pump but gravity feed is advised. Point elevations would be need for the drainage plan including how much top soil is there and has/will be brought in.

Reed Hill subdivision - Peter Sorgi, project rep, wrote a letter to the Department of Transportation (DOT) inquiring about sidewalks continuing from the current location on Quaker Rd, extending them up to this development. They responded with their specifications. The Highway Superintendent measured the actual distance it would be. A quote was received from Union Concrete for roughly \$12,600. Bill Adams hopes the TB will support this and feels the cost in minimal and it would provide much safety for any pedestrians walking along that roadway. The PCB's final plat recommendation did not mention sidewalks although this has been an issued raised by the PCB in the past. The DOT's original plan, when the road was reconstructed, had sidewalks in front of the post office, but they only laid it up until the east entrance of the post office. Ned will prepare a letter to the TB stating the PCB's position on recommending sidewalks from the development to reach the end of the current sidewalks at east entrance of post office.

Wetlands - they are expanding in certain towns and impacting upland woods. The Army Corp is looking to preserve high quality wetlands per Don Owens.

General - Greg Keyser provided Wendy with a TOA steep slopes map which will be used as a reference. When there is development on slopes more than 15%, approval is needed from the Conservation Board.

Greg will work on a map indicating flood plains and DEC wetlands.

A motion was made by Jim Griffis and seconded by Bill Adams to adjourn at 7:45PM.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 300 GLEED AVENUE, EAST AURORA, NEW YORK**